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1. THE MURRAY LOUIS DANCE COMPANY CLOSED ITS POLISH TOUR LAST NIGHT (JUNE 5) WITH A SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE IN WARSAW'S TEATR WIELKI. THE AUDIENCE OF OVER 2,000 WAS THE LARGEST OF THE TOUR, BUT THE RESPONSE EVERYWHERE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC. THE MURRAY LOUIS DANCE COMPANY OPENED IN POLAND MAY 30 AND 31 AT THE LODZ BALLET FESTIVAL AND ALSO PERFORMED JUNE 2 AND 3 IN POZNAN.

2. THE HIGHLIGHT OF LAST EVENING'S PERFORMANCE, AS OF EARLIER PERFORMANCES, WAS MURRAY LOUIS'S SOLO "DEJA VU," WHICH ONE MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE CALLED "INCREDIBLE." WHEN MR. LOUIS INTRODUCED "DEJA VU" IN 1977, THE NEW YORK TIMES CALLED IT "SPARKLING AND BRIGHT....HIGHLY INVENTIVE." THE AUDIENCE AT THE TEATR WIELKI AGREED, CHEERING LOUDLY, DEMANDING AN ENCORE. ALSO LAST NIGHT, THE COMPANY DANCED "GLANCES" (BLYSKI) TO THE MUSIC OF DAVE BRUBECK, "PORCELAIN DIALOGUES" (PORCELANOWE DIALOGI) TO PIOTR CZAJKOWSKI'S KWARTET D-DUR, AND "INDEX" (TO NECESSARY NEUROSES...) (INDEKS NIEUNIKNIONYCH NERWIC) WITH MUSIC BY THE OREGON ENSEMBLE.

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DURING OTHER PERFORMANCES THE COMPANY DANCED "SCHUBERT" AND "GEOMETRICS." ALL OF THE WORKS WERE CHOREOGRAPHED BY MURRAY LOUIS.

3. IN ADDITION TO MR. LOUIS, THE COMPANY FEATURES MICHAEL BALLARD, ANNE MCLEOD, ROBERT SMALL, JANIS BRENNER, WILLIAM HOLAHAN, DIANNE MARKHAM, JERRY PEARSON, AND SARA PZURSON. THEIR STYLE, SHAPED AND CONTROLLED BY MURRAY LOUIS, IS INNOVATIVE, EXPERIMENTAL;

THEIR PERFORMANCE LAST EVENING WAS AN UNUSUAL EVENT AT THE TEATR WIELKI, WHICH GENERALLY STAGES MORE TRADITIONAL DANCE AND BALLET. THE AUDIENCE WAS CLEARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE PERFORMERS; IT IS TOO BAD, ONE VIEWER OBSERVED, "THAT THEY COULD BE HERE JUST ONE NIGHT." U.S. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLE WERE AMONG THOSE ATTENDING LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

4. MURRAY LOUIS'S INTERNATIONAL TOURS HAVE EARNED HIM ACCOLADES WHICH RANK HIM AMONG THE GREAT DANCERS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS OF OUR TIME. HIS ART HAS TAKEN HIM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, TO EUROPE, AFRICA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

5. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE FINISHED THEIR PERFORMING TOUR IN POLAND THE MURRAY LOUIS DANCE COMPANY WILL REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL DAYS. LATER IN THE WEEK THEY WILL HOLD A TAPING SESSION AT POLISH TELEVISION FOR A PROGRAM TO BE SHOWN LATER IN THE SUMMER. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE POLISH STATE BALLET SCHOOL (PANSTWOWA SZKOLA BALETOWA PRZY TEATRZE WIELKIM W WARSZAWIE) TO OBSERVE CLASSES, OFFER INSTRUCTIONS, DEMONSTRATE TECHNIQUES, AND CONSULT WITH POLISH BALLET INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS.
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